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JITTERY OVER JABS

Parents unsure about vaccinating their teens

CURFEW IN PLACE

Day 1 focus was on awareness

SIGNAL ISSUES

Did Bescom avenge tiff with traffic cops?

Surely, the departed of the pandemic would've wanted their kin to be rightly compensated, 'not dragged from pillar to post' as BM found out

DEADLOCKED

Where to get the BU number?

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The kin of those who lost their lives to covid-19 alleged they are now running from pillar to post to avail the compensation announced by the government.

The family members said they are left confused by the process involved in claiming of the ex-gratia totalling to Rs 1,50,000 — Rs 50,000 from the Union government as recently announced by the Centre through an affidavit filed at the Supreme Court in September this year along with the ex-gratia of Rs 1 lakh from the state government for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) card holders.

Centre's compensation of Rs 50,000 is for all including BPL families and frontline workers who lost their lives to the pandemic.

Now, the relatives of the covid deceased in the city are shuttling between respective BBMP zonal offices to the birth and death certificate office located on Queens' Road in Vasanth Nagar and vice versa, only to be told that the BU (Bengaluru Urban) numbers of the deceased are neither available at the zonal office nor at the birth and death certificate office.

"When somehow we manage to get the BU number and the name of deceased from a hospital where the covid patient was taken to and declared dead, other confusions arise — for instance, the BBMP health staff would say the bank account has not been linked with the Aadhaar card or other technical problems," said Sheela Robert, a chef and resident of Kammagondanahalli in Jalahalli, whose father Robert H, a retired ex-service man, passed away due to covid-19 in May this year.

"It has been seven months since my father's passing, and I am yet to get the ex-gratia of Rs 1.5 lakh from the government," Sheela told Bangalore Mirror.

Sheela's father was a 63-year-old retired ex-service (MEG)

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> **"The meagre percentage of applications that reach BBMP zonal offices, wouldn't move forward either, due to technical errors causing inordinate delays** — Arun Prasad, activist

For the love of money

Individuals harassed by private financiers for non-repayment of loans approach helpline

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In the devastating economic fallout of the pandemic, many citizens were drained financially and had to depend on private financiers for small loans to pull through the crises.

Now, with the failure to repay these loans, individuals are being harassed by private entities for not repaying the money on time, we are told.

A recent case in point is of a woman who approached the Vanitha Sahayavani/ Parihar (helpline) as she was being harassed by such a private financing firm.

Rani Shetty, in-charge of the helpline said the woman, who is an acid attack survivor, had pledged her gold jewellery for her daughter's education and had just delayed the repayment by three days.

"Initially, she was informed she could pay the same amount. However, when she visited the financing firm in question, they demanded three times the actual amount stating it was their policy; she had to pay the extra amount as a fine for delaying the payment. She was being regularly harassed by the company on top of that. She even approached the police but nothing was done as reached out to us. The employees of the company were abusing and harassing her. We helped her to approach the consumer court to file a complaint," Shetty said.

In a similar case, a 25-year-old woman filed a complaint against a private finance firm for verbally harassing her, and her

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Jewel it up!

Check out some New Year-themed jewellery at C Krishniah Chetty Group of Jeweller Showrooms to gift your loved ones or yourself this year. The pure vivid blue of topaz symbolises the clear sky with sparkling diamonds reflecting the evening sky. The dance of the seasons is an elegant pendant encrusted with small diamonds in 18 carat that slides smoothly across a twisted rope chain made in 22 carat yellow gold and many more. The special collection is perfect for a wintry occasion.
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03 Shop till you drop

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath is organising the Bangalore Arts and Craft Mela. The exhibition will display ethnic and contemporary arts and crafts, clothing, handloom sarees, jewellery, home décor, furniture, and handicraft products direct from the artisans and craft persons from across India. You can even get to directly interact with the artisans and know the story behind each product. Besides the bazaar, there will be fun activities like live music performances, workshops, and more.
Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram; When: Till Jan 2

JITTERY ABOUT JABS

Parents want more information about the safety of vaccines for children

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With the Centre approving Covaxin for children aged 15-18 years starting January 3, many parents are hesitant having their children vaccinated, as they feel there is not enough data on children's vaccination.

Some of the parents revealed that the government needs to provide final data on children's vaccination and then start vaccinating them. Many others were worried that the side effects in children after vaccination are equally unknown.

Rashmi T, parent of a first-year PUC student of a private college, said: "There is no doubt that we have been waiting for the vaccination for our children, but with not enough data it is worrisome for most of the parents. Covaxin has been administered amongst adults, but data for children hasn't been out yet. We are unaware of the side effects as well. Many doctors have stated that the vaccination for children need to be carried out with utmost care. We are not aware if the government is prepared for it in such a short period of time."

Roshni S, parent to a 10th grade student, said: "There was hesitancy among adults when the vaccinations had begun; similar hesitancy remains for our kid. The protection of our children is important but with no final data about the vaccine, it is a matter of concern. We have no idea if they would get any side effects, especially for children with comorbidities. There have been multiple rumours that after vaccination, people have had many adverse effects. We do not know whether to believe it or not," she said.

A health worker inoculates a citizen with the vaccine in Bengaluru

"Covaxin has been administered amongst adults, but data for children hasn't been out yet. We are unaware of the side effects as well
– Rashmi T, a parent

Knowing that there would be hesitancy, the State Government is planning to educate the parents during the parents-teachers meet which happens frequently in schools and colleges. "We have decided to talk to the parents and educate them. There are countries which have already started vaccination for children and are benefitted by it. We are going to talk to all the parents and educate them that there wouldn't be a problem with the vaccination. It will be carried out with utmost care," said a senior official from health department.

The official further added: "The Education Department will carry out the process of educating the parents. It has been decided to carry out vaccination for students in colleges and schools. The Centre will send us vaccines and we will carry out the process in different schools and colleges," added the official.

Meanwhile private hospitals stated that the have not received any go-ahead yet for the vaccination for children. "The State Government has not conveyed any message yet to us. We have stock to carry out vaccination for children. As many children come to private hospitals for treatment, they are comfortable with their own consultant doctors. We are still waiting for the State Government's guidelines."

A beacon of sustainability: Mysuru shows the way

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In a world of a steadily increasing carbon footprint, use and re-use are the mantras for sustainability, and Mysuru has set an example in just that by building a compound wall in the city using trash. This could set an example for Bengaluru which is facing a gigantic trash problem and help save the environment too. The Central Government has made it mandatory to re-use up to 50 per cent of the debris of a building for reconstruction. The Mysuru City Corporation is spreading awareness about this move and also became an example by implementing it. The corporation has built a 100-feet compound wall of 10 feet height by using the debris around the zero-waste management unit in the city.

Earlier, the compound wall of the zero-waste management unit near the Bannimantap Highway Circle had collapsed. The corporation officials requested the Public Works Department (PWD) to submit the estimation for re-building it. Officials estimated the cost of re-building as Rs 4 lakh. Meanwhile, Environment Engineer Sridevi floated the idea of using the debris for building the compound wall and Commissioner G Lakshmikanth Reddy approved the proposal.

Officials then took the help of Rajesh Kumar Jain who runs R-Leef industries which specialises in building with debris. It took one and half months to complete the compound wall and the cost was at Rs 2 lakh, for using 50 per cent of the debris for construction. The foundation was also built with debris. It was built of waste rocks, cement bricks and the total usage of debris was 10 loads, while five labourers finished the task.

It took Mysuru City Corporation one and a half months to rebuild the wall using debris

The Mysuru City Corporation's Commissioner G Lakshmikanth Reddy said, "This will solve the problem of building debris."

Mysuru Mayor Sunanda Palanetra added: "If the builders start working on re-using debris, it will definitely bring value to the building debris in the city."

Director of R-Leef Industries M Rajeshkumar Jain said that they were trying to convince the Mysuru City Corporation on switching to sustainable constructions. "The re-usable debris must be planned at the demolition stage. The corporation identified land to fill the debris; from there, anyone can re-use it.

We are using locally available materials and building affordable houses. In most of the buildings, the debris is re-used for buildings. In Mysuru, building a compound wall is the first work on any government building in a sustainable way."

Following an announcement by the Bengaluru City Police banning public New Year celebrations, more than 100 CCTV cameras were installed on MG Road on Tuesday

Barricades are back

On Day 1 of night curfew, police focus on educating people, plan to intensify drive from tonight

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While the night curfew began in the city on Tuesday night, the police began patrolling localities much in advance announcing people and commercial establishments to shut shop by 10 pm.

Night curfews are synonymous to barricades as they were brought and placed on main roads. Bengaluru City police commissioner Kamal Pant said that on the first night, it was more about educating the public and the night curfew may get stricter from Wednesday night when all the flyovers will be closed at night time. He said strict action will be taken against people found on the streets, violating the curfew unnecessarily.

No restriction on hotel accommodation

The health department clarified, "From December 30 to January 2, the restaurants, hotels, clubs and pubs will function with 50 per cent capacity, strictly adhering to covid-appropriate behaviour. The restriction on hotels is applicable only for dining. There is no restriction on room occupancy in hotels."

Preparations to vaccinate kids

BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta instructed officials to make preparations for vaccinating the pediatric age group of 15-18 from January 3. Speaking in a virtual review meeting on Tuesday, he asked the officials to make all arrangements to vaccinate the eligible group in government and private educational institutions in BBMP limits. He advised the officials to make a zone-wise list and deploy personnel for the same. "Children of 15-18 years who are out of schools (from slums and industrial areas) also should be vaccinated. For that, NGOs' help could be taken. All the preparations should be done regarding administering precautionary (booster) doses to health workers and frontline workers of or above 60 years from January 10," he added.

> **The 50 per cent occupancy restriction on hotels is applicable only for dining. There is no restriction on room occupancy**
>
> –Health department

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Dr Trilok Chandra said, in BBMP limits, there are around 5 lakh children of 15-17 years of age. They will all be vaccinated from January 3. The officials should come up with an action plan regarding the number of beneficiaries and vaccination centres among other factors.

Gupta said immediate precautionary steps should be taken up wherever the increase of covid cases found in the city. "Educate people to follow covid-appropriate behavior in parties and places of social gathering. Health officers should take up a meeting with residents' welfare associations in each ward," he added.

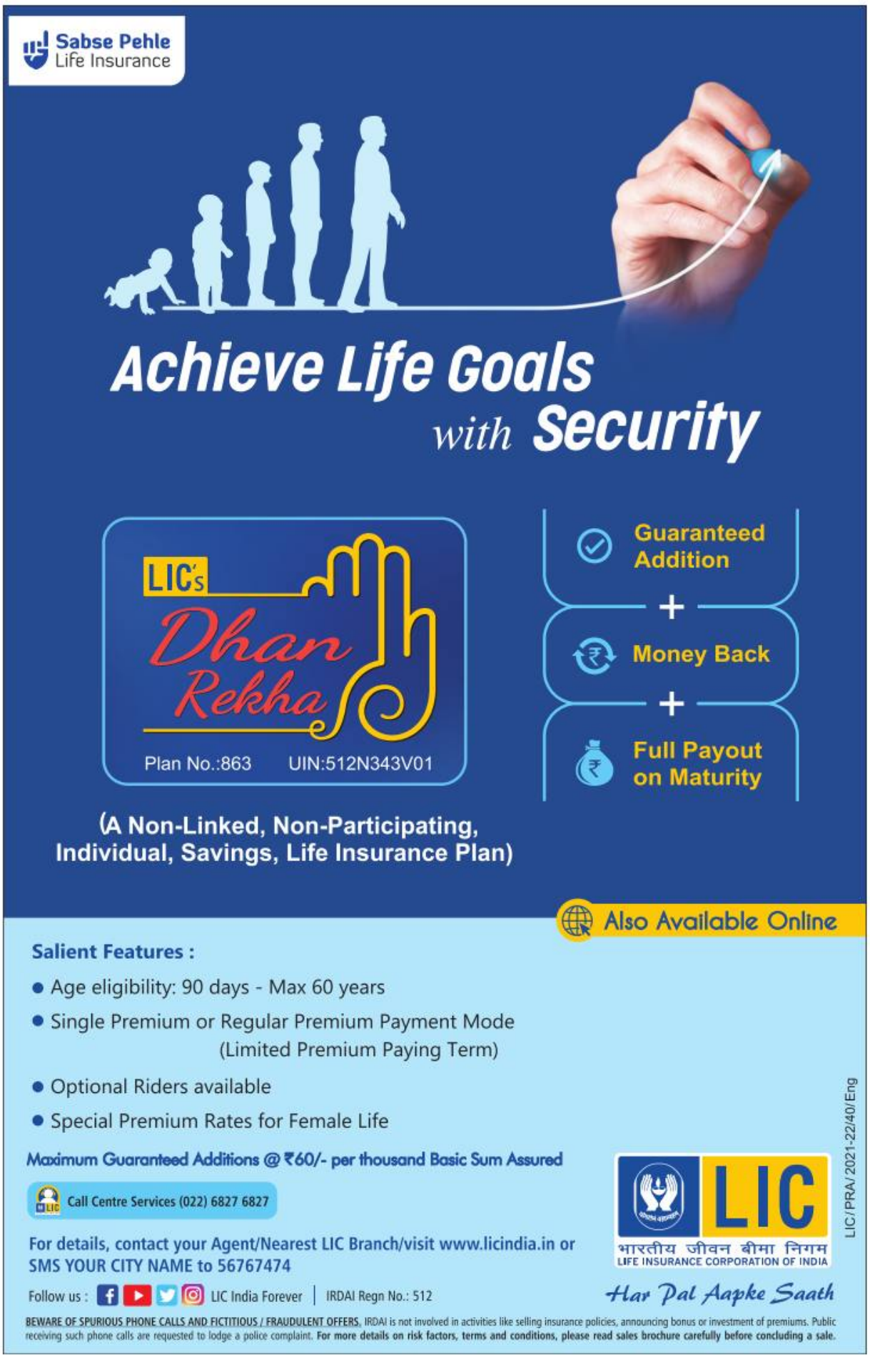
Govt assures B to A khata transfer

The government has once again raised hopes of B khata site holders assuring that they will be converted to the A khata group. Presently, most of the site owners in the city couldn't get plan approval, loan facilities, occupancy certificate (OC), and completion certificate (CC).

During the recent session, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai assured the state-wide regularisation of B Khatas including Bengaluru. A total 18,52,802 properties are part of the tax network in BBMP. Property tax is fixed as per the classification of the properties. There is a separate property tax for different types of buildings -- 25 per cent for commercial buildings and 20 per cent of unit area value is fixed as property tax for residential buildings.

In the year 2021-22, holders of 13,56,087 properties paid tax under self-declaration of property tax. Among these, 97,057 are commercial buildings, 9,112 multi-storey buildings and 12,59,030 are residential buildings. The 10,516 building owners who were assessed wrongly were served with notices and Rs 56.14 crore property tax was collected from these buildings.

It seems the government has decided to issue A Khata to B Khata owners before the BBMP elections. When BBMP expanded its limits by adding 110 villages to its purview, many have converted revenue lands into sites without any approvals from concerned authorities and land conversions. Un-scientific layouts were constructed all over the city. Due to this, BBMP was losing tax income. The government ordered non issuance of A Khata for the layouts built without proper documentation. After 15 years also, the site owners couldn't convert their B Khata to A Khata. **—Prakash VL**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Bescom, traffic cops tiff caused bad signal issue?

Residents claim BESCOM officials disabled signal at Iblur over row with traffic police

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Traffic signals stop working in the city for various reasons. Sometimes, it is due to a technical problem or possibly because someone stole the batteries. But rumour has it, the traffic signal at Iblur stopped working on Monday due to a "fight" between the cops and BESCOM!

The Iblur traffic signal is located in the middle of the high-density ORR corridor. Locals BM spoke with claimed that the connection was cut off by BESCOM officials after they were questioned by the Bengaluru Traffic Police regarding violation of traffic rules.

"It's a high-density corridor so if the traffic signals do not work, the road could witness some serious mishap," said a member from Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA). He wondered who would be responsible for the death of individuals caused due to fights between departments.

When Bangalore Mirror contacted the HSR Traffic Police, a senior official refused to comment on the incident. However, he added that the signal will be repaired by the end of the day.

Wires of the traffic signal at Iblur, which is part of a high-density corridor, appear to be snapped

"This is just another instance of lack of cooperation between the departments. Departments like BESCOM are highly unprofessional
– Vishnu Prasad, Save Bellandur

"This is just another instance of lack of cooperation between the departments. Departments like BESCOM are highly unprofessional and their efforts are uncoordinated.

These departments constantly dig up well-laid roads and destroy them. Junctions are made unsafe for commuters. Even if departments adhere to the recent instructions of BBMP to fix the roads after digging them, due to their shoddy work, BBMP has to step in to clean their mess," said Vishnu Prasad, a member of Save Bellandur.

Further, Prasad added, "This junction is one of the most congested areas in ORR with the Sarjapur Road on one side and Iblur and Marathahalli on the other side. There are enough dangers on the roads already and traffic signals not working is a huge threat to public safety..."

Owners Court Layout sees hope for good road

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Owners Court Layout in Kasavanahalli has been in a terrible condition for over three years now. Residents can finally hope to see a light at the end of this tunnel as the bad road here is getting asphalted.

Their continuous efforts and never-seizing complaints to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, coupled with the trouble they took to diligently follow up with elected representatives, has ensured that the bad road in their locality will finally get fixed.

The road was in a pathetic state after it was dug up by the authorities to lay underground drainage lines. However, the works took long and left the road in a muddy, mushy state. During rains, the entire stretch would get filled with slush and residents found it difficult to commute. While the road is getting asphalted, the tender for it covers only 70 per cent of the stretch.

"We had to follow up (with authorities) multiple times. Laying of UGD pipelines took the longest time.

Asphalting work in full swing at the roads in Owners Court Layout in Kasavanahalli

We had to follow up with BWSSB and BBMP officials multiple times. After the lines were laid, the road was never asphalted. It was an uneven, muddy stretch and commuting on it was highly risky," a resident said.

Another resident said, "We brought the issue up in a ouple of meetings and submitted a written letter too. MLA Arvind Limbavali has initiated the work and will foresee its completion. We are waiting for the full tender to be released so that the whole road gets asphalted. For now, we have a reason to be happy as we can enjoy an asphalted road..."

'Have strength to work for 365 days without any rest'

Ruling out health issues, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said that he has the strength to work tirelessly for 365 days without any rest, and his target was to bring BJP back to power after the 2023 polls.

The Chief Minister's statement came amidst speculations that he was suffering from a serious knee ailment and was likely to fly overseas soon for a treatment. ".....I have the strength to work tirelessly for 365 without any rest.

I have decided to work a minimum of 15 hours a day. Bringing BJP back to power in the 2023 polls is my target and I will begin preparations for it in 2022," Bommai said in response to a question.

Speaking to reporters here, he said BJP leaders will collectively work as a team for the polls.

To a question on BJP National General Secretary in-charge of the state Arun Singh's recent statement that the party will contest assembly polls under his leadership, Bommai said, "He is a Delhi level leader.. he has kept that confidence in me. I thank him. We in the BJP work as a team together and collectively, it's team work, as I'm the Chief Minister he has said that." There is complete coordination and good relationship between the government and the party and we will it carry forward, he added. There have been rumours for some time now about a leadership change in the state and Bommai's possible exit from the top job.

Bommai on Monday had termed speculations about "changes" as a creation of the media. Even the party leadership has rejected such talks.

The Chief Minister is in the city to attend the two day BJP state executive meeting, that is also being attended by Singh and a host of party leaders.

Stating that the meet will discuss organising the party and political developments in the days to come, Bommai said it is also likely to take some crucial decisions. Asked about cabinet expansion and reshuffle, he said, "I do not want to comment on any of this for now...." **—Agencies**

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Jnana Jyothi Nagar

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Piling issue
Kenchenahalli

Will the authorities concerned clear up this pile of debris near Jnanabharathi Metro Station?

Incomplete work
RR Nagar

The authorities concerned have left the cable work on Mysore Road incomplete. The road is in a bad state and must not be neglected.

CRIME FILES

Bloodshed on the road

Miscreants hack realtor to death in front of son, driver

A 42-year-old woman was hacked to death in front of her minor son and driver while she was on her way home in her SUV on Hosa Road in Electronic City on Monday night.

The deceased is V Archana Reddy, a realtor, who was residing in Bellandur with her two children after separating from her second husband. According to police, Archana was

involved in frequent quarrels with her husband over a financial row. The couple had even approached Jigani police who counseled the duo.

Woman was in her car returning home, and the assailants had been following her. When the car reached Hosa Road, they pulled her out and attacked her with weapons

On Monday evening, Archana was returning home with her son and her driver when the assailant followed her for some time before intercepting the car. Before she could realise what was happening, the assailants dragged her out of the vehicle and attacked her with lethal weapons before fleeing the spot. The driver, with the help of others, rushed Archana to a hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

The police suspect that the assailant could be the second husband who had been helped by his associates. Efforts are on to track them. —BMB

Fire in dhaba claims man's life

A 29-year-old dhaba employee, who was recovering from burn injuries after some men allegedly set the eatery on fire, died on Tuesday. The deceased, Manoj, was having dinner around 12.40 am after cleaning the dhaba while his colleagues were sleeping. Manoj came out of the dhaba after hearing a blast followed by a flash of light. Thinking that it was a transformer blast, he came out only to be confronted by an unidentified man. The man splashed inflammable liquid on him and set him ablaze.

Soon, Manoj was engulfed in fire and ran inside the dhaba to get help from his colleague Tejas. The other staff members doused the fire and ran out to safety before the entire dhaba was on fire. The Soladevanahalli police, based on the statement of Manoj, have taken up a case against unidentified miscreants, charging them under Section 436 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house). After the death of Manoj, the police also booked them for murder and has stepped up investigations to track the accused. —BMB

Peddler nabbed with hashish worth ₹5.8 lakh

The Govindapura police, on Tuesday, arrested a 28-year-old man and recovered 575 gm of charas worth Rs 5.8 lakh from him. Basil George, from Ernakulam in Kerala, was caught red-handed while moving suspiciously near a forest office in HRBR layout 1st stage 4th block.

Preliminary investigations revealed that George had sourced the drugs from Himachal Pradesh. He allegedly had a bunch of clients in the city, including influential people and college students. The police also learnt that the drugs he had in his possession were to be sold during the New Year parties in the city. The police have obtained his list of clients for further investigations. George also has a good network with the other peddlers across the country to source synthetic and other forms of drugs based on the demand. The police have booked him under NDPS Act and he has been taken into custody for further investigations. —BMB

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A variety of career options await students after a Masters in Computer Applications

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Colleges across Bengaluru are reporting an increase in the number of students showing interest in pursuing a Masters in Computer Applications (MCA) degree. Experts say the reason for this is the variety of career opportunities available after the degree. VTU reducing the degree to a two-year course from the earlier three-year is also one of the reasons.

"Before last year, MCA was a three-year course. From last year, under VTU, it has become a two-year course. Being quicker to complete, a lot more students are interested in pursuing the course now," says Deepa Konidala, an assistant professor for MCA at Rajarajeshwari College, Bengaluru.

Over the last decade, there has been a continuous shift to the digital medium. Almost all forms of business and operations have moved online. This has opened a plethora of opportunities for those passionate about programming and computer applications. There is no shortage of companies hiring MCA graduates at attractive take-home packages. Many top companies such as Google, Microsoft, Facebook, Apple and Oracle are among those who are constantly on the lookout for MCA graduates.

Completing a Masters in Computer Applications opens up a long list of career opportunities for students. A student can become a software developer, hardware engineer, database engineer, cloud architect, data scientist business analyst, technical writer, web developer/designer, IT architect, software consultant or network engineer among many other options.

"MCA graduates are among the most successful in terms of getting placements even before completing their degrees. Over 90 per cent of our students were placed before they completed their course. On top of this, there are many internship opportunities that MCA students receive while they are still studying. This gives them a lot of industry experience even before they graduate," adds Assistant professor Deepa Konidala.

Another reason why a lot more students are becoming interested in studying MCA is because of the way the course syllabus has recently been updated and brought up to date with where the industry is at. Subjects such as cloud computing, data analytics and the internet of things have gotten students interested in studying computer applications from a 2021 perspective.

Rank list: Education Ministry's Atal Ranking of Institutions to pick the top institutions based on their innovations

#New Delhi

Atal Rankings of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021 will be announced by Minister of State for Education, Subhas Sarkar on Wednesday, informed the Ministry of Education on Tuesday.

The ministry stated that ARIIA is a unique joint initiative of the Ministry of Education and AICTE to systematically rank higher educational institutions in India on indicators related to Innovation, Startup and Entrepreneurship Development amongst students and faculty. ARIIA evaluates institutions on parameters like patent filing and grants, number of registered students and faculty startups, fund generation by incubated startups, specialised infrastructure created by institutions to promote innovation and entrepreneurship and so on.

Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE, highlighted that India is constantly improving on Global Innovation Index (GII) ranking and has now moved to 46th position in 2021 from 81st in 2015. The Ministry of Education in its statement further said, "We have also emerged as the world's third-largest startup hub but still we have huge scope for improvement, he added. He further said that AICTE firmly believes that in the coming years, our technical institutes will become a fountainhead of next-generation technology-driven start-ups if we can create a vibrant innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem. ARIIA ranking is a major attempt in that direction."

Abhay Jere, Chief Innovation Officer of Ministry of Education said that the first edition of the ARIIA was launched in 2018 and it has given huge impetus for developing an innovation ecosystem in our HEIs. He added that ARIIA-2021 has seen unprecedented participation as compared to earlier editions. This year 1438 institutions (including all IITs, NITs, IISc, etc.) participated as compared to 674 HEIs during the 2nd edition of ARIIA (ARIIA-2020) last year. This is more than double as compared to the 2nd edition and approximately 4 times as compared to the first edition.

ARIIA-2021 ranks will be announced in 9 separate categories which include Centrally funded technical institutions (e.g. IITs, NITs, etc), State Universities, State standalone Technical colleges, Private universities, Private standalone technical colleges, non-technical government and private universities and institutions. **ANI**

Omicron puts Delhi on alert: Schools, colleges shut again

Spike in covid cases throws national capital out of gear

People throng Sarojini Nagar market with not much consideration about social distancing norms despite the looming fear of the covid-19 variant 'Omicron', in New Delhi on Tuesday

#New Delhi

Schools, colleges and training and coaching institutions in the national capital will remain closed as the DDMA has declared a "yellow alert" amid a spike in COVID-19 cases following the emergence of the virus' Omicron variant. The Directorate of Education (DoE) clarified that online teaching learning, examinations and related activities such as practicals, projects and assignments for classes 9 to 12 would be conducted according to schedule.

While the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) alert evoked mixed reactions from parents, other stakeholders, including school principals and education experts, raised concern about increasing learning gaps. The alert, which comes under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), follows the national capital's biggest single-day spike in COVID-19 infections in over six months on Monday when 331 new cases were reported with a positivity rate of 0.67 per cent.

The GRAP had been approved by the DDMA in July, in anticipation of a third wave of COVID-19 in Delhi. The plan gives a clearer picture of imposition and lifting of restrictions according to the situation.

Under the "yellow alert", school, colleges, training and coaching institutions as well as libraries are supposed to be closed.

Schools were allowed to reopen from December 18 for students above class 6, after being closed in view of alarming pollution levels in Delhi. The government had then announced that physical classes for students up to class five can begin from December 27.

President of the Delhi Parents Association (DPA) Aprajita Gautam said the constant closing and reopening of schools has had an "undeniably deteriorating" effect on mental health of students

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"We have all witnessed the total failure of planning and execution from the government this year. Schools constantly closing and reopening has had an undeniably deteriorating effect on students' mental health," Gautam said.

"The expected high pollution levels and the schools closing again for the nth time could have been dealt in a better planned manner. There is always a fear of uncertainty in minds of our students," the DPA president said. The government should have been "prudent" in its approach to decisions and not just making them in "haste" without any concern for the future, Gautam said

President of the All India Parents Association (AIPA) Ashok Agarwal said schools have been closed "without any justification or scientific basis".

"One can understand taking precautions but closing schools and colleges is no solution. In neighbouring states, schools are open, then what is special in Delhi to close schools," he said. Schools and colleges have faced frequent closures due to the Covid pandemic since March last year ahead of a nationwide lockdown in view of coronavirus.

Principal of a top private school, who did not wish to be identified, said, "There is absolutely no plan as to how these extremely widening learning gaps will be filled if this continues for long." "Health cannot be compromised but its high time we start working on a long-term plan which is workable," the principal said. Tanya Agarwal, a lawyer and a parent of a Class I student, who has been vocal about long term negative effect of school closures, tweeted, "Clearly Delhi government doesn't care about kids and don't care about COVID. Because they have once again decided to keep bars and restaurants open, but close schools. Shameful".

Besides school and colleges, according to the set of restrictions under the alert, cinemas and gyms have been also closed.

It also puts various restrictions on functioning of shops and public transport like establishments of non-essential goods and services and malls will open based on odd-even formula from 10 AM to 8 PM, while the Delhi Metro will run at 50 per cent of its seating capacity. – PTI

In the shark tank

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mother, through repeated phone calls for not repaying a loan.

Poornima* had taken a loan from a private financier for buying a two-wheeler and had not repaid the money. She said that she received a call from the company when she informed them that there was a delay in repayment and she would indeed pay the money soon. "Despite saying that I would pay, they repeatedly called me and my mother, and abused us in vulgar language," she said.

"They called my friends and abused them as well. I was called names and told to pay the money immediately by the caller. As she was using filthy language, I asked her not to speak to me in such a manner and blocked her calls; but she started calling from different numbers to harass me further on. When I stopped responding, she started calling my mother and abused her too, asking her to tell me to unblock her number," the victim stated.

As post the pandemic more people are on the lookout for loans, such predatory loan-givers are striking and snaring the vulnerable

Police said such instances are on the rise post pandemic as many people are taking loans from small private financiers who in turn harass them in different ways. "We have seen cases of blackmailing, verbal abuse and harassment and in a few cases physical harassment by the loan sharks. People need to be careful and try not to take loans from such small private companies," he said.

Poornima, meanwhile, filed a complaint at the Adugodi police station on Thursday. The police have registered a case and are investigating.

(*name changed)

Covid departed are still awaiting compensation

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army personnel, with heart ailments, when he contracted the coronavirus. He was admitted at the Command Hospital where he died on May 6, 2021. A few weeks after the death, a police man rang up Sheela and advised she could apply for the ex-gratia announced by the government. She was given a list of documents to furnish so that the process would be easier and disbursement of funds quicker.

"Though I initiated the process by visiting the Dasarahalli BBMP office with the list of documents, I was told my father's BU number was not available with them and they asked me to go to the BBMP office on Queen's Road to fetch the number. When I went there, they told me the BU number concerned was not available with them either and sent me back again to the Dasarahalli office. From there, again they dispatched me to the BBMP Queens Road office. I was asked to go to another government hospital in Cox Town to find out if my father's BU number was available there instead. With great difficulty, a staff member managed to get my father's BU number. All the details and list of documents were submitted a couple of weeks ago, but until now, the BBMP health staff whom I am in touch with says the details have not yet been updated in the system; when it shows up, he would call me," Sheela said.

Sheela added that she is not the only one facing this problem. She is one among the many who have applied for the ex-gratia after the death of their loved ones.

On Monday, according to official records, the total number of covid deaths in Karnataka stood at 38,316. In Bengaluru Urban, 16,387 deaths have occurred. Bengaluru Rural has a death toll of 892.

Activist Arun Prasad said only a meagre percentage of kin of the deceased victims have applied for the ex-gratia and the rest, a majority of them, uneducated, have no idea how to apply or claim it, as there is a marked lack of awareness.

"Moreover, this meagre percentage of applications that come to BBMP zonal offices, wouldn't move forward either, due to technical errors causing inordinate delays. The kin are asked to bring one document after the other and made to run back and forth as they lose hope. The affidavit filed by the Centre at the Supreme Court on granting Rs 50,000 as ex-gratia to the kin of all deceased covid victims states all claims must be settled within 30 days of submission of the required documents and disbursed through the Aadhaar card-linked direct benefit transfer procedures," Prasad pointed out.

"The Karnataka Government should immediately establish a help desk for the documentation approval and guidance for the public to avail both the state and Central covid-19 death relief and ensure the release of Rs 1.5 lakh within 30 days of scrutiny and approval of documents," Prasad demanded.

Otherwise, as it happens in the case of every other scheme, the government would withdraw the relief submitting that there were no takers of ex-gratia, he added.

Meanwhile, Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner J Manjunath (BBMP special commissioner) told this newspaper that with the database of BU numbers, deceased names, telephone numbers and their addresses, the administration has reached out to at least 70% to 80% of kin of the covid deceased and have initiated the process.

"Most of them who are residents of Bengaluru who have given their proper contact numbers and addresses have been informed about the ex-gratia. The process is on. There are many individuals who have come from outside the state and have availed treatment. Citizens from elsewhere who died at Bengaluru hospitals, we would be unable to help. For those who came from other districts in the state, we have written to their respective district commissioners to expedite the ex-gratia. There are many others who have declined the ex-gratia out of their own will," Manjunath told Bangalore Mirror.

HEALTH TIP: Cauliflower is an excellent source of fiber and cooking it with little or no oil can help you reduce weight

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BEST OF
DR MAHINDER WATSA

The finest responses of Dr Watsa are being republished in this column as a tribute to him.

1 I am a 32-year-old woman and I have a daughter who is two years old. I have seen her rubbing herself against objects such as pillows. She does this before she goes to bed every day. Her father and my in-laws are very old fashioned and get angry about this. Sometimes, I get angry too, but I don't know if she understands the implications of what she's doing. I don't know how to explain the act to her or to my family. I have tried suggesting to her that what she's doing is bad, but that hasn't made a difference. I am very worried that in the bargain, she could harm herself. Should I hide her when she does this so that no one from my family gets to see her perform the act? I cannot talk to them about these things — they won't understand, including my husband. Is something wrong with my child? What should I do?

Almost all children do this. It is harmless. All you have to do is to clean her genitals with soap and water and convince her to visit the bathroom when she wants to do it. There is no need to speak of her habit with others.

2 I am a 21-year-old virgin and am in good physical condition. I masturbate daily before going to bed and wonder if this can affect my sex life in future.

Instead of using masturbation as a sleeping pill, if you did it only when sexually excited, you'll be much happier, and better prepared to be a good husband.

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A PERIODIC TOLL

PMS, PMDD, and post-menstrual syndrome are just few of the various side effects of menstruation

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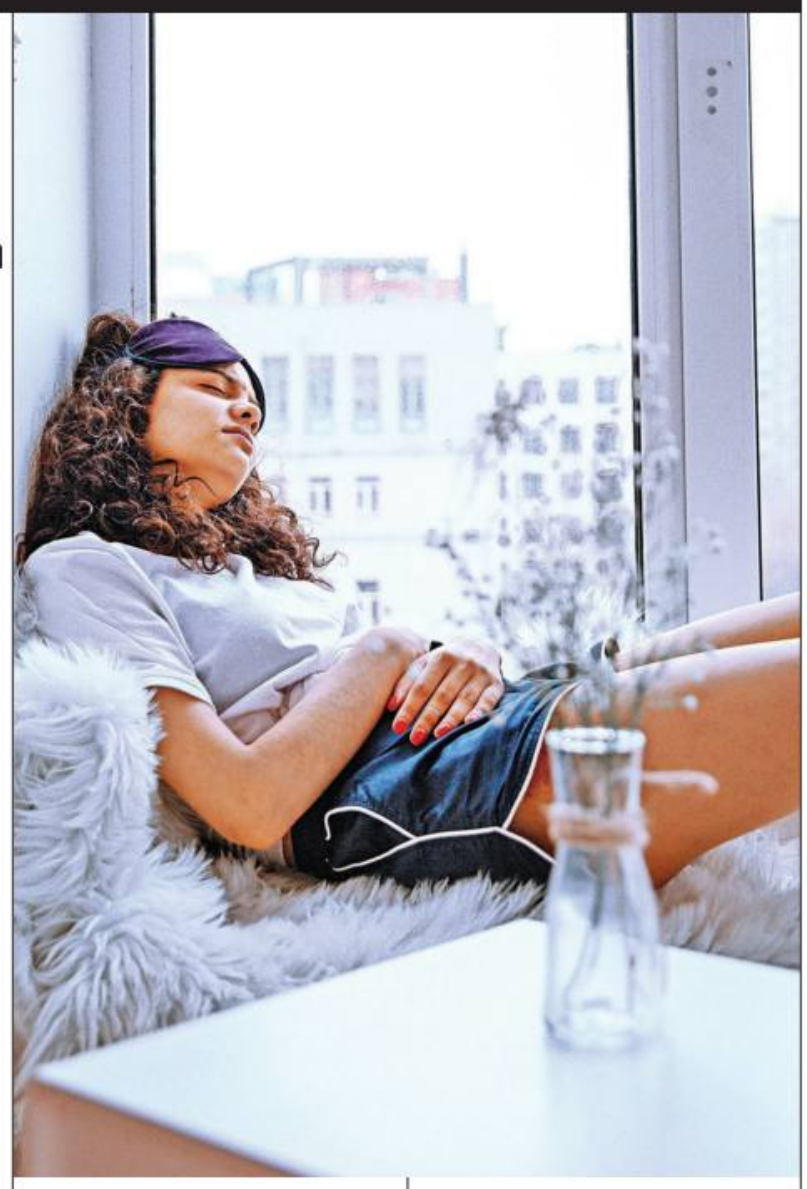

Many questions about the menstrual cycle and the post-menstrual symptoms that accompany it remain unanswered. The menstrual cycle, as we all know, is a monthly, regulated process of ovulation that occurs during a woman's fertility window. Her body goes through a lot of changes throughout and after the cycle. PMS, PMDD, and Post-menstrual syndrome are just a few of the various side effects of menstruation that we are aware of. Dr Manju Gupta, Senior Consultant Obstetrician & Gynecologist, Motherhood Hospital, explains how they differ despite having identical symptoms and outcomes. Here's all you need to know about them, including whether or not they're connected.

PMS

PMS is a bunch of changes that can affect a woman physically or emotionally after ovulation and before the beginning of their period. The changes occur 1 to 2 weeks before menstruating. Although these symptoms go away within a few days after the period starts as hormone levels begin to rise again.

Symptoms

Most women have experienced PMS each month, but it may differ from one person to another and can change as you grow older. It can be hard to identify if these are just a few symptoms before your period, or if it's really PMS. Women dealing with PMS can make changes to improve their diet, sleep, and exercise. Or you could always speak to your doctor in case these changes don't work out.

PMDD

Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) is a more advanced form of premenstrual syndrome (PMS). Experts are not able to understand as of yet as to why some women get PMDD.
Although, it is said that falling levels of estrogen post ovulation and prior to periods may cause PMDD, Serotonin, which is a brain chemical that helps regulate mood, hunger, and sleep, may also play a key role in causing PMDD by fluctuating the moods.

Symptoms

PMDD symptoms are likely to appear a week or two before period and go away within a few days after your period starts. In addition to PMS symptoms, you may experience, anger, anxiety, panic attacks, depression, suicidal thoughts, difficulty concentrating, mood swings, and fatigue.

Postmenstrual syndrome

Many experts have perceived post-menstrual syndrome as a myth for a long time, given that it's not a medically recognised mood disorder like premenstrual syndrome or Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD). Post-menstrual syndrome is a term used to describe symptoms that arise after period ends which can range from physical symptoms like headaches to emotional ones like anxiety. Hormonal imbalances could be one of the factors that come with the post-menstrual syndrome.

Symptoms

The symptoms of post-menstrual syndrome can be both physical and psychological. They may include mood swings, anxiety, irritability, and anger. While severe symptoms include feeling depressed, having trouble sleeping and concentrating, or noticing issues with coordination. Whereas physical symptoms may include pain in the stomach area, joints, back, and neck, or headaches, pain during sex, vaginal discomfort, including dryness, itching, or burning.

Conclusion

PMS, PMDD, and post-menstrual syndrome happen in a continuous flow, and it lingers throughout the entire cycle. Sometimes these conditions become psychosomatic that which induces stress, irritation, further leading to suicidal thoughts. If you are ever worried about menstrual abnormalities affecting your mental health, seek immediate medical attention. Keep a note on the daily routine activities, including the timings of the meals and how much you exercise. That way your doctor can rule out underlying conditions and come up with the best possible course of treatment.

MIRRORLIGHTS

No secrets with the gynaec

A visit to the gynaecologist can be daunting for many women. Women may feel uncomfortable revealing certain information about themselves to a total stranger. The prospect of an internal examination may also make one uneasy. Dr Aruna Muralidhar, Senior Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Fortis La Femme Hospital, Bengaluru, is of the opinion that this initial anxiety can be overcome by choosing a gynaecologist carefully. There are some important things you must definitely tell your gynaecologist when you see them next. Dr Muralidhar lists them below.

Current symptoms
A complete timeline of the existing problem with the approximate duration is useful for a gynaecologist to understand the problem as a whole. If all the associated issues can be elaborated, it will add to the diagnostic accuracy. Talking about similar concerns in the past and the treatment taken during that episode will help the doctor understand what worked and what didn't for your body.

Menstrual history
Mention your menstrual cycle length, period duration, heaviness of the flow, presence of pain as accurately as possible. One of the important symptoms to be mentioned is the presence of pain and bleeding during and after sex. Do not withhold information about personal hygiene, presence of abnormal vaginal discharge, etc.

Marital and sexual history
Talk openly about your married life, any previous relationships, divorce, or separation. Although this may be considered irrelevant by some, it helps in certain situations like assessing the risk of sexually transmitted infections, mental health risks, etc. Couples, even if married for a long time, sometimes do not reveal sexual problems. Being candid helps in solving problems early. —Femina

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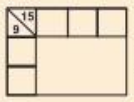
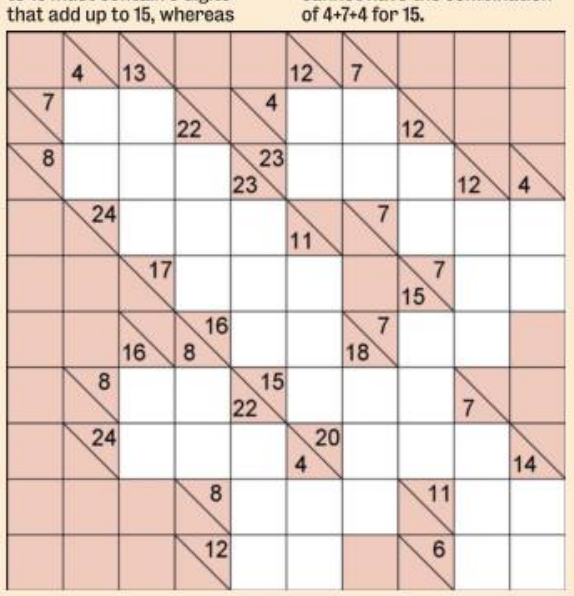
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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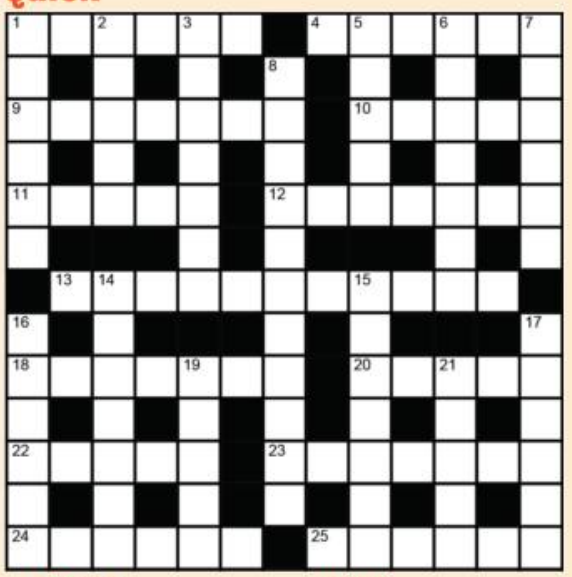

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1 A deed (6)
4 Shape of a spring (6)
9 Exhaust or use up (7)
10 Custom or practice (5)
11 Japanese-American (5)
12 Give notice to (7)
13 Sue? (4,2,5)
18 Roman goddess of wisdom (7)
20 Organic compound (5)
22 Former US president (5)
23 Fictional archaeologist ___ Jones (7)
24 Female relative (6)
25 Suppose (6)

DOWN

1 Totting up? (6)
2 Uses a keyboard (5)
3 Single occasion (3,4)
5 Pleasantly overweight (5)
6 More prepared (7)
7 Looked lasciviously at (6)
8 Delusions of wealth or power (11)
14 Acquires, appropriates or confiscates (7)
15 Behind schedule (7)
16 Restitution (6)
17 Consecrate as a priest (6)
19 Wash out soap (5)
21 A rough path (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS S

USMMODOMD OM VXNL EAS XCDS EACE DSX VW YSCH XSP-ZSM TOZS EV YOMKVD.

Linemaro

Your daddy must be an archer because he sure shot a bull's eye

Mindchow

The trouble with talking too fast is you may say something you haven't thought of yet

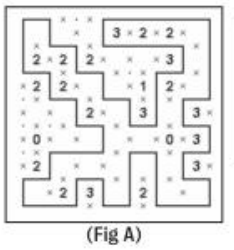
Joke of the day

Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.

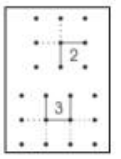
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



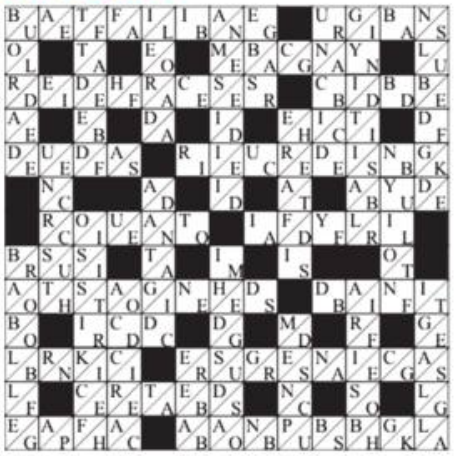
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

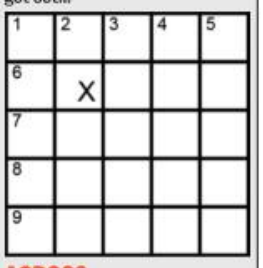
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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1 At arc; 6 Exons; 7 CID at; 8 Arete; 9 Scold

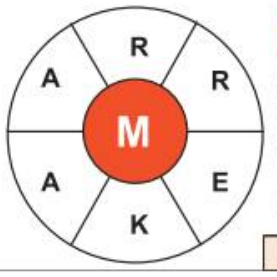
DOWN

1 C code; 2 Ax Ali; 3 Or etc; 4 Dante; 5 Trass

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

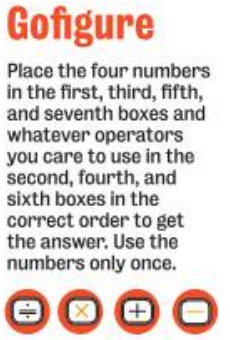
SudokuChallenge

	3			2			7	
			6		5			
2	6			3			4	9
		3	5	7	8	1		
		7				6		
		8	2	6	4	3		
1	5			4			6	8
			8		7			
	8			9			5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 10

1 2 2 7

Medium = 6

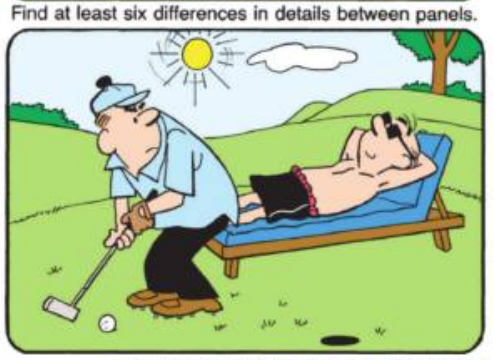
1 2 2 6

Hard = 14

3 7 9 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



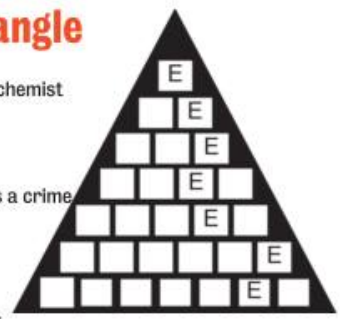
Differences: 1. Stripe is added to shorts. 2. Glasses are different. 3. Chair legs are different. 4. Mountain is added in distance. 5. Hole is moved. 6. Sun is moved.

Riddler

My keyboard isn't working correctly, with vowels not appearing and the space bar only working now and again. What did we mean by the sentence below? SPCTH FNLFR NTRTH SRTHV YGSFT HSTRS HPNTR PRS!

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Beryllium for the chemist
3 Nectar gatherer
4 Pub order
5 Le Havre hat
6 Dress down
7 One who supports a crime



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

GO AHEAD, TANGLEFOOT, ASK HIM!
WELL, UHH...ER... I WANT TO MARRY YOUR DAUGHTER
YOU WANT TO DO WHAT
GET ME THAT GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS
10-15

Bizarrotrip

Wayno® & Piraro 10-26-21
They won't pay for lightning damage. Your policy doesn't cover acts of Zeus.
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel positive vibrations around you. Things are under control. You may plan to start a new business in a partnership. You may expect a long distance trip. There will be trust in your relationship, which will bring harmony in your domestic life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may perform your best at work. You may have good bonding with your boss; you may get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Chronic health issues may get cured now. You may get good incentives for your work. Disputes with siblings may get resolved now. Job seekers may find a new job.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, kids' education may keep you busy; you may plan for their higher studies. Couples may hear good news about their kids. You may plan to update yourself and make some plans for higher studies to get a promotion in your current job. Singles may find their soulmate. Natives related to education, consultants and banking will do better.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dissatisfied. You may not be able to take up responsibilities. Your investments may lead to loss. You are advised to read documents carefully before putting your signature. Elders' health may make you upset. You may plan to reconstruct your house; it is advised to postpone renovation for a while.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy at work. Your network may increase, and with that help, you are likely to get a big order in terms of business and work. You are likely to start innovation in partnership. You may get some investments in your business, which will increase your profits in the near future. Your emotional relationship with your spouse will improve.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy with your family and may feel happy to spend time with family or friends. You may expect some new sources of income, which may boost your financial health. You may control your expenditures on worthless stuff. You may buy some valuable things, which may increase your social status.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, elders' blessings may help you and you may try to improve your patience. Your focus may return, which may help you to achieve your goals. You may perform well in business and domestic life. There may be some balance between expenditures and savings. It may boost your savings.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, some dissatisfaction may come to your mind. You may feel lazy and dull and it will affect your current speed at work, leading to a delay. Love birds are advised to avoid any important decision in terms of marriage. Job seekers may get disappointed in interviews.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, your internal power may make you happy; you may get short gains in terms of investments. You may make a good relationship with your boss. You may get promoted. Your prestige in society may increase. You may also expect some work-related trips.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. You may get a higher position for your hard work. Your performance at work may improve. You may also meet an influential person, who may give you a good direction to improve your life. You may manage your domestic issues easily, which may boost harmony in the house.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be happy; things may somehow become better. You may plan to visit some religious place; it may give you inner strength. You may also donate some money to a religious place or to some charity. You may expect some overseas travel in terms of education or work. Couples may get their suitable match. Singles are likely to find their soulmate.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel unhappy and dull; it may affect your way of working. There may be some delay in your projects. It may affect your prestige in professional and domestic life. It is advised to avoid adventure trips or rash driving. Love birds may break up. Job seekers may be disappointed in terms of a new job.

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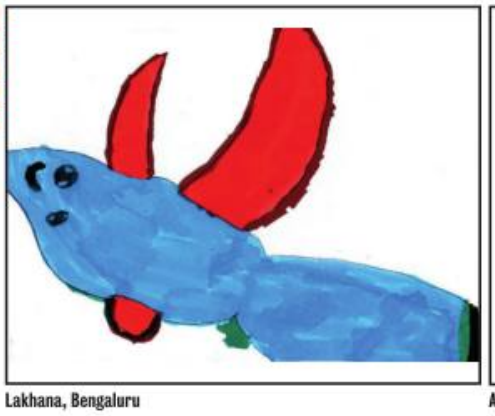

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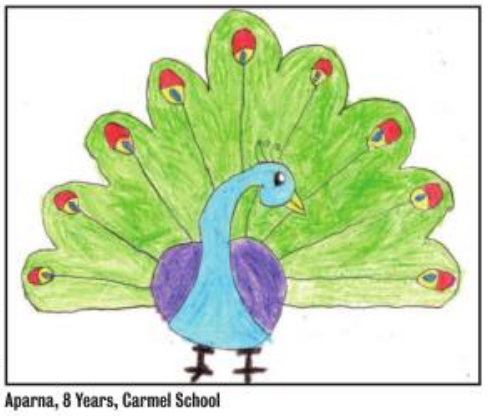

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 90/3(20+10)/45
= 90/3(30)/45
= 30(30)/45
= 900/45
= 20

BULL:S EYE
EARMARK, make, maker, mare, mark, marker, ream, rearm, remark

STRIKE OUT

B	A	F	F	L	I	N	G	R	I	B	S	
O	A		E	A	G	A	N	L				
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FAST FIVE

C	A	R	A	T
E	A	T	E	R
D	I	C	T	A
O	X	E	N	S
C	L	O	D	S

RIDDLER
Space the final frontier These Are The Voyages Of The Starship Enterprise!

QUICK

S	I	S	T	E	R		R	E	C	K	O	N

QUOTE UNCODE
Pessimism is only the name that men of weak nerves give to wisdom.

MENSA PUZZLE
1. Reading each pair of numbers as a 2 digit number, they follow the sequence of square numbers from 6 to 9.

SUDOKU

8	3	1	4	2	9	5	7	6
9	7	4	6	8	5	2	3	1
2	6	5	7	3	1	8	4	9
6	9	3	5	7	8	1	2	4
4	2	7	9	1	3	6	8	5
5	1	8	2	6	4	3	9	7
1	5	9	3	4	2	7	6	8
3	4	6	8	5	7	9	1	2
7	8	2	1	9	6	4	5	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, Be, Bee, Beer, Beret, Berate, Abetter.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 7 + 2 - 1 = 10
Medium
2 / 2 - 1 + 6 = 6
Hard
9 x 3 - 7 - 6 = 14

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # A visa from UAE
Actor Amala Paul, who is well known in South Indian film industries, has received the prestigious Golden Visa offered by the UAE

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Hugs & Kisses

Our celebs are not hesitating to exhibit their love in public

Fans love to know what is going on in their favourite celebrity's life. Be it career or relationships, they look up to Bollywood stars. Whether it's a cute comment on an Instagram post or ringing in festivals together, here's looking at the top 5 PDA moments of Bollywood couples. that are too cute for words.

Vicky Kaushal-Katrina Kaif's Christmas romance

Newlyweds Vicky Kaushal and Katrina Kaif celebrated their first Christmas together. Vicky took some time off from his busy schedule to be by Katrina's side for X'Mas. The couple posted this cute photo by the Christmas tree. Kat looks pretty in a floral dress, while Vicky looks dashing in a blue shirt. ''Meri Christmas!'', he captioned the post.

Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone's airport kiss

A few days back Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh made a stylish entry at Mumbai's international airport. The couple entered the airport hand-in-hand. Just as we thought the couple was done posing for the cameras, Ranveer quickly planted a peck on his wife's cheeks and left Deepika blushing.Pic: Yogen Shah

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor's Deepawali love

Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor made their fans' Diwali extra special with this mushy picture. The 'Raazi' actress had posted an adorable picture with her beau and we can't get enough of them. She wore a gorgeous blue lehenga, while Kapoor opted for a kurta-pyjama. The post was captioned as ''& some love .. Happy Diwali ''. The couple had their arms wrapped around each other.Pic: Alia Bhatt Instagram.

Nick Jonas-Priyanka Chopra's thanksgiving 2021

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas are one of the most adored couples in Bollywood. During thanksgiving 2021, the lovebirds painted the town red with their adorable PDA. The couple posted a mushy picture and gave us a glimpse of their cosy celebrations. ''So much to be grateful for. Friends, family.. I love you @nickjonas happy thanksgiving to everyone celebrating'', wrote PeeCee.

Arjun Kapoor & Malaika Arora's birthday PDA

Arjun Kapoor rarely shares pictures of himself and Malaika Arora on social media. But on her birthday, he left their fans wanting for more with a cute PDA picture. In the photo, Malaika can be seen kissing Arjun on his head as he smiles for the camera. "On this day or any other all I want is to make you smile...May this year you smile the mostest...", the actor wrote in the caption. As soon as he shared the post, Arora commented, ''Clearly I am making you smile in this pic''.Pic: Arjun Kapoor Instagram

ADVERTORIAL

An incredible offer by Abish Builders

100% FINANCE FACILITY FOR BUYERS

Mangaluru, often described as a heaven on earth, is one of the best cities for a comfortable living. Owning a beautiful home in this splendid city is a dream of many. But not everyone is lucky to have a home which they can call their own, financial constraints being one among the many reasons. Here is a golden chance for such people to own an apartment, a beautiful one in a prime location, in close proximity to places of public utilities. Above all, this project comes with some of the best features at an affordable cost and also a very convenient payment option.

Abish Builders, one of the leading real estate developers of Mangaluru, in a first of its kind offer, has announced that it will arrange for 100% finance facility for buyers of a new flat at Abish Square, Yeyyadi. This special offer is available for five days from December 29 to January 2.

Abish Square is located at Yeyyadi, off the Mangaluru International Airport road, amid serene surroundings. Those interested in availing this splendid offer from Abish Builders can visit the construction site at Yeyyadi from December 29 to January 2 along with relevant documents.

Abish Square comes with world class amenities, superior construction quality and some of the best features, all at an affordable cost. And most importantly Abish Builders also promises to help those finding it difficult to make the down payment.

700 sqft 1 BHK flat	₹32 LAKHS
755 sqft 1 BHK flat	₹34 LAKHS
1005 sqft 2 BHK flat	₹44 LAKHS
1035 sqft 2 BHK flat	₹45 LAKHS
1060 sqft 2 BHK flat	₹46 LAKHS
1100 sqft 2 BHK flat	₹48 LAKHS
1115 sqft 2 BHK flat	₹49 LAKHS
1160 sqft 2 BHK flat	₹51 LAKHS

CONSTRUCTION IN FULL SWING

The construction works are underway and already five floors are complete and the entire project will be ready by September 2023 after which houses will be handed over to the customers. Most of the flats of Abish Square were sold out during the previous monthly instalment scheme announced by Abish Builders. Presently only a few houses are available for sale.

FOR BOOKING
Customers interested in owning a house here will have to visit the Abish Square site at Yeyyadi. Here Abish team as well as bank officials will guide the customers who can inspect the quality of consttruction before deciding on purchasing a flat.

HIGHLIGHTS
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- *A residential complex adjacent to a four-lane concretized road*
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- *Multi-gym, meditation centre, party hall*
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- *Separate car parking for owners and guests*
- *Assistance upto Rs 2.30 lakhs under Pradhan Mantri Awas Scheme*
- *Repurchase offer subject to conditions*

PUSHPARAJ JAIN - PROMISING HIGHEST QUALITY IN EVERY PROJECT

Pushparaj Jain, Managing Director of Abish Builders is a well-known name in the real estate industry of the region. His promise for the highest quality and standards in every project has helped Abish Builders maintain a tremendous track record of success.

For Pushparaj Jain, customer satisfaction is of utmost importance and each of his projects is designed and implemented in accordance to the aspirations and expectations of his clientele. Customer trust is something that is above all for Mr. Jain who has been successful in gifting high quality projects, each unique in its own way.

Presently serving as the President of Mangaluru Chapter of CREDAI for the second term, he has also served as Vice President of the State Chapter of CREDAI. Apart from being a successful businessman, Pushparaj Jain is also active in the social, religious and cultural fields of the region.

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